

**Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for April 25, 2017**

Attendance: Wendy Parsons Baker, Mildred Horton, Syanna Madsen, Will Perez, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Lori Edmunds and Mary Ann Kirk (staff), Kathleen Stanford (visitor)
Excused: Wendy DeMann, Sara Roach

1. Minutes for March 28, 2017 were approved as written. Mary Ann thanked Will who is moving to Florida.
2. Syanna will present the report and award at City Council. The bus tour has been organized for May 20 at 10 am starting at City Hall. Our upcoming calendar will include a look at the Erekson home before demolition so we can look at anything we might like for the museum. It is tentatively set for May 26 at 11 am. We will also host a pioneer home tour on July 22 and possibly a museum day on September 23 if we have new displays. She is interested in highlighting the home on 6400 South about 300 East. It was an excellent adaptive use project.
3. Mary Ann shared a map of historic structures in Murray that GIS created for the board. It is now in the city system so we can print out sections if needed. The state data base has over 3000 eligible buildings but our register features the best examples with concentrations in the districts.
4. Mary Ann reviewed the status of the new proposed developments. The development on the west side of State Street has stalled. However, Mary Ann noted that the city is in the process of purchasing the Murray Mansion which will sit in a historic park. She also noted the city received federal funding for a bridge over State Street between IMC and Murray Park.

Kathleen asked who is pushing for the demolition of the Harker Building. She didn't know why the city couldn't preserve this substantial building since they have purchased it. Mary Ann explained the city hired a consultant to help implement the vision for the MCCD and then look for developers. The area has been underutilized for a long time. Syanna said land is needed to entice a developer with a design that will increase the tax base. She felt State Street is not designed in a way that entices the younger population.

5. Mary Ann also reported that the Rotary has asked us about creating historic signage for a new walking trail along the Jordan and Salt Lake Canal that runs through the east side of Murray near Wheeler Farm. Syanna will look to see if she can find some history background about the area. They are interested in funding the signage.
6. Mary Ann shared revised designs for the Vine Street/Jones Court development. The board liked the new designs for the tower that represents the Murray 1st Ward. It also reflects the preserved Carnegie Library. She noted that the neighbors in the adjacent historic district really liked the proposal. The board did not like how the gambrel shaped canopies slowly change shapes into an upside down V shape. They felt the gambrel shape canopy should be consistent throughout the streetscape so it is obvious they are trying to interpret the twin duplex roofline. Syanna said this is a good example of an effort to do what we are asking without any aesthetic reasoning or purpose. Rebecca thought it was strange that it has gothic mixed in with art deco. We have still been asking for them to preserve one duplex.

Kathleen expressed deep concern about the whole project and didn't understand why Murray City would want to do this. Mary Ann suggested Kathleen could discuss her concerns with her city council person. She explained the role of the board in the process and how demolition can occur under the MCCD ordinance.

Wendy asked how anyone would understand any of these architectural elements once the historic buildings are gone. She would like to see more elements of the original buildings in the design like the old ZCMI. Mary Ann explained they have to work with us on interpretation which could include signage and photos.

7. Rebecca asked if we could cross promote other history related events in the valley and then ask them to promote our events. Mary Ann said she tries to watch for events we can share and she has sent our events to other major entities such as Preservation Utah or state history.